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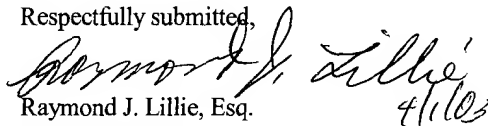
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In response to the restriction requirement dated February 6, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, as defined by Claims 1-9. This election is made with traverse.

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